

Conservation of Modern Coins

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Even though, by their own definition, modern coins are relatively new, they can still develop many of the same problems that older coins do. Among the list of commonly encountered problems are spotting, hazing, unattractive toning, PVC residue and improper dipping. In some cases these various problems can cover the entire surface of a coin leaving it unable to be accurately graded. These problems often originate from being stored under humid conditions or in potentially harmful containers. No matter how slight these contaminations may be, they will still have an affect on the final grade of your coin. They can occur *even in the original Mint sealed packaging*. Recently it was reported that the U.S. Mint was planning to sell off a large parcel of older proof sets. Because it was determined that significant portions of the sets were spotted, they were ultimately not sold.

Proper conservation techniques such as those used by the **Numismatic Conservation Service** (NCS) can remove most or all of these types of contamination as well as many other types. It is not at all uncommon for a modern coin that would grade 67 or 68 (Mint State or Proof) due to these various problems, to grade 69 or even 70 after proper conservation. It is also extremely important to remember that several of these contaminants will continue to get worse and possibly damage the surface of the coin over time. NCS has spent numerous hours developing the best methods for conserving the various coins that they encounter. Please note that certain types of problems cannot be addressed through professional conservation. In these cases, surface damage has occurred which cannot be reversed.

If you currently have coins that have been affected by any of the problems listed above or any other problems, you can send your coins to NCS for conservation and then have the coins submitted directly to NGC for grading. If you have any

further questions about rare coin conservation, feel free to contact NCS toll-free at 1.866.NCS.COIN.

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It's fairly self-explanatory, but basically it does the following. Let's say you create a new set (like a type set) and you have already registered coins in the system that could fit into that new set (say your coins from your dollar sets). It might be a little tedious to have to go through and select all the coins for this new set. Clicking this new link at the top will **automatically** populate your new set with all the legal coins you have registered by selecting those coins with the highest scores.

This new function makes it more convenient than ever to leverage the fact that once you register a coin in our system, you can automatically use that coin in any set without having to re-register it.

E-mail Another Registry Participant

In most places throughout the Registry pages, the name of another member of the Collectors' Society(CS) is now displayed as a link. This link leads to a form that allows logged-in members of the CS to send that user an e-mail.

All messages are filtered through our servers. Thus, the recipient of the message will get an e-mail noting the public name of the sender, but no direct contact information. The recipient will be able to reply by clicking on a "reply" link in the e-mail that leads them back to a form on the CS. Through this system, no user ever needs to provide an actual e-mail address to another user.

Additionally, if you wish to NOT receive messages through the CS, you may go to "My Profile" and turn this feature off.

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\$100 Same Day Special:

\$100 per coin for all coins over \$1500 in value

\$50 Same Day Special:

\$50 per coin for all coins valued at \$1500 or less

\$30 Same Day Gold Show Special:

\$30 per coin for all Gold coins valued at \$1000 or less.

\$20 Modern Show Special:

\$20 per coin for all modern coins 1955 to date valued at \$300 or less. Minimum of 10 coins per invoice.

On Tuesday October 15, submissions for \$100, \$50 and Gold Same Day services will be accepted from 4 to 7pm at The Mayfair Hotel for Lot 1 on Wednesday October 16. Please contact Customer Service for specific location. On Wednesday October 16, submissions will be accepted prior to setup from 9am to 11am at The Mayfair. Encapsulated coins are returned later in the day. On Thursday and Friday October 17 and 18, coins submitted before daily cut-off times will be returned by the end of the show.

IMPORTANT! The Modern Show Special is not a same day service. Coins will be accepted for Modern Show service starting Wednesday October 16. Coins will be graded, encapsulated and returned prior to the close of show on Friday October 18. Of course, as volume permits, coins for Modern Show service may be returned sooner than Friday.

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Owners of NGC-certified coins who wish to have their coins reholdered with the reverse up may submit such coins in their holders for our Reholder service at \$4 per coin. Remember, your form must be clearly marked, "REVERSE UP."

Special Note: Requests to holder a coin reverse side up will be honored at NGC's discretion.

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It is extremely important to choose the proper way to package coins being sent to NGC for grading.

It is extremely important to choose the proper way to package coins being sent to NGC for grading. Depending on the grading tier you have selected and the method of shipping, many coins can remain in their individual sleeves (flips, holders etc.) for up to 30 days before being encapsulated. This is all the time that is needed for coins to react with their containers or other contaminants. **Many types of coin flips contain a chemical called Poly Vinyl Chloride or PVC.** This chemical is what makes the plastic soft and bendable but it can also be quite damaging to coins. Over extended periods of time, PVC can actually corrode or eat into the surfaces of the coin. There are coin flips that are made with no PVC. Since these flips are much stiffer, they have the dual benefit of being non-corrosive and more protective of your coins from receiving hairlines or scratches. **These non-PVC flips are the type that we highly recommend.** They can be purchased at most coin shops or from most coin supply companies.

Please note that there are many negative conditions that can begin to affect your coins before they are received by NGC. A few examples are exposure to excessive moisture and humidity or improper dipping. These conditions can be accelerated during transportation since each shipment can undergo several temperature and humidity changes. Once your coins reach our facilities at NGC, they are stored in a secure environment that is both temperature and humidity controlled.



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- NGC has cut the turn-around time on our Express tier to just 48 hours. The price for Express remains the same!
- NGC will no longer accept coins under the Dispatch tier. All coins valued at over \$10,000 will now be processed as WalkThrough.
- The maximum value per coin accepted under NGC's EarlyBird tier is now \$3,000. Any coin valued at over \$3,000 must go either 48 Hour Express or WalkThrough.

If you have any questions regarding NGC's Tiers and Services, please contact NGC Customer Service at 1.800.NGC.COIN or e-mail us at Service@NGCcoin.com.

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